GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2540
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2016
Action against Black Marketeers and Hoarders
Patle Smt. Kamla Devi

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to take stringent action against black marketeers and hoarders in view of increasing prices of commodities in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there is any proposal to constitute special courts for speedy trial of black marketeers and hoarders; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such courts are likely to be constituted by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) : Yes Madam. The action against the hoarders and blackmarketeers is an ongoing enforcement activity carried out by the State Governments/UTs being enforcement authorities. A Statement on action taken by the State Governments during 2016 is at Annexure.

(c) & (d) : No Madam. The State Governments may constitute Special Courts if necessary for speedy trial of black marketer and hoarders.
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